(Washington, D.C.) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards Congressman Chet Edwards announced he has secured federal funding to help Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) in Keene expand its Entrepreneurship Resources Center for business students in the final 2010 Appropriations bill. The bill passed the House today by a vote of 221 to 202, and is expected to pass the Senate and be signed into law this month.

Edwards, a senior member of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee said, "I am grateful to Dr. Anderson and the Southwestern Adventist community for bringing this important project to my attention. The mission of Southwestern Adventist University to mold today's students into the entrepreneurs and business leaders of tomorrow is a key to economic growth. It was a privilege to work with them to expand their resources available to students."

**Dr. Eric Anderson, president of Southwestern Adventist University said,** "Southwestern Adventist University has a strong focus on entrepreneurship and international business. This funding would significantly enhance our program. I am delighted with Representative Edwards' leadership on this matter."

The \$200,000 would help SWU purchase a wide range of educational sources, from books and journals to electronic data bases, and would include appropriate information technology in the University library and the business department. One of the current signature courses in Southwestern Adventist University's program is "Profiles in Entrepreneurship," a course that brings together successful business leaders and students. As a part of enhancing the current program, the University seeks to create a resources center focused on entrepreneurship, business ethics, and small business enterprise.

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